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1. SWEDISH OFFICIALS AND POLICE TO WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT PROVISION IN NEW DUTCH DRUG LAW WHICH DECRIMINALIZES POSSESSION FOR PERSONAL USE OF LESS THAN 30 GRAMS OF CANNABIS. THEY FEEL THIS LEVEL IS MUCH TOO HIGH AND POINT TO THEIR OWN PERMISSABLE LIMIT IN PRACTICE OF UP TO 5 GRAMS. IT IS FEARED, OF COURSE, THAT MANY YOUNG SWEDES WILL BE ATTRACTED TO AMSTERDAM AS A RESULT. WHAT WORRIES SOME SWEDISH AUTHORITIES EVEN MORE ARE REPORTS THAT IMPORTANT SEG-MENT ELEMENT OF DUTCH PARLIAMENT FAVORS GOING FULL ROUTE TO COMPLETE LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS. THESE CONCERNS WERE COMMUNICA-TED IN LOW KEY FASHION TO DUTCH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP THAT VISITED STOCKHOLM IN MID-FEBRUARY.

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2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT JUSTICE MINISTER GEIJER'S VISIT

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TO NETHERLANDS THIS WEEK IS MAINLY RELATED TO INTEREST IN DUTCH
PRISON SYSTEM AND PENAL REFORMS BUT THAT HE IS ALSO EXPECTED
TO TALK ABOUT NARCOTICS.
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